

REMARKS

Applicants will address each of the Examiner's objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Information Disclosure Statement

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that the IDS filed on March 12, 2004 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document, etc. While the return post card for this IDS (filed with the application) clearly shows that the Patent Office received the IDS and references, in order to advance the prosecution of this application and have the Examiner consider these references, another copy of each reference is being submitted. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that these references now be considered, and the enclosed 1449 initialed to show the Examiner's consideration of this references.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

The Examiner also rejects Claims 1, 7, 11 and 14 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Okai et al. (JP 2002-033193) and Claims 1, 4-9, 11 and 12 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Marrocco, III et al. (US2002/0028347). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

While Applicant traverses this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to recite a first insulating layer between the first electrode and the electroluminescent layer; and a second insulating layer between the second electrode and the electroluminescent layer. These are some of the features that were

recited in dependent Claims 2 and 3 (now canceled without prejudice or disclaimer) which claims the Examiner stated were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim (claim 1) and any intervening claims (which there are none). While Applicant has not including all of the language from either of these claims, it is respectfully submitted that the cited references do not disclose or suggest the amended features of independent Claim 1.

Accordingly, independent Claim 1 and those claims dependent thereon¹ are patentable over the cited references, and it is respectfully requested that these rejections be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants are also adding new Claims 15-44 herewith. New independent Claims 15, 23, 31 and 39 incorporate therein the features of objected to but allowable dependent Claims 2, 3, 10 and 13, respectively. Hence, it is respectfully requested that these claims be entered and allowed.

The fee for new claims has been calculated as shown below.

¹ Claim 8 is being amended to correct an informality in the claim. This amendment is not in response to a patentability rejection and does not affect the scope of the claim.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Total	38	-	20	18	(small entity) x 25 (others) x 50	\$900.00
Independent	5	-	3	2	(small entity) x 100 (others) x 200	\$400.00
Multiple Dependent (None)					(small entity) + 180 (others) + 360	\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEES						\$1300.00

Applicants are enclosing the \$1300.00 fee for the new claims and new independent claims. If any further fee should be due, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants are filing an information disclosure statement (IDS) herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter and consider this IDS prior to the issuance of any further action on this application. If any further fee should be due for this IDS, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Conclusion

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mark J. Murphy', is written over a horizontal line.

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